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1863  
SELECTMEN'S REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

OF

THE TOWN OF WARNER,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1863;

ALSO,

Financial condition of the Town and Poor Farm;

TO WHICH IS ANNEXED THE

Superintending Committee's Report of Schools.

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1863.

# REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows:

## *Assessments.*

Taxes assessed and committed to C. P. Rowell for collection, of residents,	\$3,515.51
Taxes of non-residents,	270.15
Taxes uncollected, in hands of H. H. Harriman, collector for 1859-1860,	93.14
Taxes uncollected, in hands of H. H. Harriman, collector for 1861,	508.09
	<hr/> \$4,386.89

## *Money received.*

Received of S. W. Colby, treasurer last year,	\$1,288.58
of State Treasurer, literary money,	134.46
of State Treasurer, railroad tax,	93.34
for support of county paupers,	938.85
dividend of Worcester Mut. Fire Ins. Co.,	14.00
of H. R. Sargent, note and interest,	111.30
of C. P. Rowell, Ferrin note and interest,	224.93
for use of town hall,	7.00
	<hr/> \$2,812.46

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## *Money hired.*

	Of Samuel Page,	\$230.00
	Hannah Dowlin,	220.00
	Louisa H. Wiggin,	25.00
June 11.	Marshall Dunbar,	400.00
	Noah T. Andrews,	100.00
Sept. 16.	Samuel Dow,	2,500.00
" 16.	John Osgood,	530.00
" 16.	Phebe Flanders,	200.00
" 16.	Charles Davis,	100.00
" 16.	Henry Johnson,	225.00
" 16.	Josiah C. Hardy,	250.00
" 16.	Mary C. Morrill,	110.00
" 16.	Noah T. Andrews,	300.00
" 16.	Plumer B. Paige,	240.00
" 16.	George F. Edmunds,	150.00
" 16.	James M. Osgood,	150.00
" 16.	Charles E. Hardy,	150.00
" 16.	Frank P. Ayer,	200.00

Sept.	16.	Plumer E. Carter,	150.00
"	16.	David S. Burbank,	150.00
"	16.	Imri Osgood,	150.00
"	16.	George H. Colby,	150.00
"	16.	Nathaniel Bean,	250.00
"	16.	Samuel Sargent,	150.00
"	16.	Daniel G. Runels,	100.00
"	16.	Marshall Dunbar,	27.00
"	16.	Arthur Thompson,	150.00
"	16.	Henry L. French,	230.00
Oct.	30.	Harriet C. Currier,	100.00
"	30.	Daniel Cheney,	300.00
"	30.	Isaac H. Savory,	250.00
"	30.	Samuel Page,	80.00
"	30.	Benjamin F. Heath,	300.00
"	30.	Mary Heath,	280.00
"	30.	Ann W. Heath,	40.00
"	30.	Lydia H. Bartlett,	350.00
"	30.	Jemima S. Bailey,	30.00
"	30.	Nathan Foster,	32.00
"	30.	Jacob Chase,	300.00
"	30.	Jemima S. Bailey,	130.00
"	30.	Ephraim Morrill,	100.00
"	30.	Mary C. Morrill,	150.00
"	30.	Philip Colby, Jr.,	200.00
"	30.	Philip Colby, 3d,	200.00
"	30.	Nathan Melvin,	300.00
"	30.	John H. Brown,	100.00
"	30.	Stephen Bartlett,	500.00
"	30.	Henry L. Johnson,	200.00
"	30.	John Pearson,	190.00
"	30.	Gilman M. Blake,	100.00
"	30.	John M. Johnson,	200.00
"	30.	Justus C. Harriman,	200.00
"	30.	Joseph Hardy,	1,000.00
"	30.	Blanchard A. Hardy,	200.00
"	30.	Jesse Hardy,	600.00
Dec.	12.	Eliza P. Currier,	100.00
			<hr/> \$14,119.00

*Liquor Agency.*

Received of Thomas Chase, profits on sale of liquor from Feb.  
21, 1862, to Feb., 1863, \$86.00

*Poor Farm Receipts.*

Received of Samuel W. Colby, for 1 pig,	\$2.00
for 19 lbs. butter,	4.15
balance of account,	.85
Enoch Currier, for 1 pig,	2.00
Joseph A. Clough, "	2.00
Alvah A. Clark, "	2.00
Moses K. Clark, "	2.00
H. H. Harriman, "	2.00
Jesse Savory, "	2.00
Elizabeth A. Sargent, "	2.00



Received of H. B. Harriman, for 1 pig,	2.00
Uriah Ager, "	2.00
George Savory, "	3.00
R. B. Whittier, for 1 calf,	3.00
Joshua Sawyer, Jr., for 1 calf,	5.00
E. Evans, for soap grease and eggs,	.36
Lawson C. Currier, for calf skin,	.85
George Savory, for 1 cheese,	1.68
Webster B. Davis, for 1 cheese,	1.50
E. M. Dunbar, for 1 day's work,	1.00
Dudley B. Davis, for 1 cheese,	1.96
R. B. Whittier, for 1 pelt,	.67
E. G. Currier, for 1 hide,	4.05
A. F. Smith, for 30 lbs. butter,	4.00
George Savory, for 2 lambs,	2.00
Samuel W. Colby, for 50 lbs. butter,	10.00
Orison Hardy, for 347½ lbs. cheese,	34.75
Samuel W. Colby, for lard,	.33
Charles Currier, for 2 yearlings,	18.00
Peter B. Tucker, for 2 chickens,	.50
Isaac K. Connor, for pasturing and labor,	4.25
Mr. Dunbar, for 2½ lbs. rolls,	1.45
Wm. D. Eastman, for labor,	.75
Wm. R. Sargent, for 1 yearling steer,	10.00
beef,	2.60
soap grease,	.40
G. A. Bean, for produce,	41.29
D. E. Burbank, for 18 prs. socks,	9.00
Collins, Adams & Co., for 3¾ lbs. wool,	1.76
Newell Carr, for pasturing sheep,	3.00
5 days' work,	4.54
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	\$196.69
Amounting in all to the sum of	<hr/>
	\$21,601.04

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid State tax,	\$411.20
county tax,	957.02
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	\$1,368.22

*School-House Taxes.*

Paid Levi Flanders, District No. 3,	\$45.00
John Tucker, " " 6,	25.00
" " 13,	95.00
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	\$165.00

*School Money.*

Paid District No. 1,	\$85.00
" No. 2,	116.48
" No. 3,	70.94
" No. 4,	74.16
" No. 5,	46.35
" No. 6,	90.89
" No. 7,	30.60
" No. 8,	63.73
" No. 9,	73.30

Paid District No. 10,	48.35
“ No. 11,	52.13
“ No. 12,	36.45
“ No. 13,	248.19
“ No. 15,	44.96
“ No. 16,	54.25
“ No. 17,	67.05
“ No. 18,	32.96
“ No. 19,	47.79
“ No. 20,	34.51
“ No. 21,	24.60
“ No. 22,	28.66
“ No. 23,	27.82
“ No. 24,	28.97
	<hr/> \$1,428.14

#### *Roads and Bridges.*

Paid H. B. Harriman, for repairing Bagley bridge,	\$4.00
S. W. Colby, for work on Bagley bridge,	1.25
O. Hutchinson, for plank,	1.06
John P. Colby, for snowing Waterloo bridge,	2.50
repairing Roby bridge,	15.34
“ Eastman bridge,	.50
1 day's work on highway,	.75
M. J. Collins, for repairs in his district,	9.00
Ira N. Colby, “ “ “	5.62
Wm. H. Bean, for 184 ft. bridge plank, at \$7 3/4 M,	2.69
E. W. Sargent, for repairing bridge,	3.30
John Gilmore, for repairing highways,	2.25
Newell Carr, for drawing lumber,	.50
Stephen Sanborn, for repairs on highway,	3.00
Jacob Chase, for repairs on highway,	10.50
	<hr/> \$62.26

#### *Expenses of Paupers not on the Farm.*

Paid David Glover, for Lucinda Glover,	\$20.00
Paid town of Sutton, for James S. Colby,	5.03
G. A. Bean's bill, for James S. Colby,	1.50
James Haskell,	1.50
Polly Roby, for Enoch Roby,	35.00
Dr. L. Eaton, for Enoch Roby,	16.50
Philip Colby, 2d, for Sarah Goodwin,	11.25
Wm. Haskell, for Betsey Austin,	3.00
John Pearson, for T. Waldron,	1.00
Town of Bradford, for Rollins Bailey,	38.25
Sundry bills for Lois Atkinson,	12.17
Dr. J. M. Fitz, for Ralph C. Ordway,	3.00
	<hr/> \$148.20

#### *Poor Farm Expenses.*

Paid John C. Watson, for use of plow,	\$ .25
E. M. Dunbar, for corn,	.50
W. B. Davis, for 1 bush. rye,	1.00
Ira Harvey, for 2 hats,	.20
goods,	.28



Paid J. H. Osgood, for shoemaking,	2.03	
Robert Thompson, for 5½ lbs. tobacco,	1.83	
Hiram Buswell, for paint and putty,	.57	
Peddler, for broom,	.30	
Frank Sargent, balance on account,	.14	
John Ela, for carding,	.24	
R. B. Whittier, for Rennett,	.20	
Damon Annis, for barrel,	1.25	
John Aiken, for filing saws,	.90	
Calvin A. Davis, for beef,	3.65	
John Tucker, for butchering,	.50	
Owen Day, for medicine,	3.53	
Lawson C. Currier,	3.17	
John C. Ela, for 1 bush. rye,	1.00	
Gitchel family,	2.00	
Charles Colby, balance on account,	.12	
John Jewell, for fish,	.13	
Joseph Jewell, for 5 bush. potatoes,	1.25	
3 " wheat,	5.00	
work,	.75	
Newell Carr, for 13 lbs. dried apples,	1.17	
3 bush. corn,	2.55	
2 " oats,	.90	
10 gals. vinegar,	1.67	
cart tongue and irons,	1.25	
Dr. L. Eaton's bill,	11.80	
John M. Fitz's bill, medical attendance,	5.50	
John C. Flanders, for shote,	10.00	
Ransom Currier, for pasturing sheep,	6.00	
G. C. George, for tin ware, &c.,	3.62	
M. D. Wheeler, for blacksmithing,	11.28	
M. K. Clark, for threshing and making cider,	3.00	
Collins, Adams & Co., carding,	1.76	
D. E. Burbank, for store goods,	9.00	
R. Thompson, for " "	50.54	
G. A. Bean, for " "	166.48	
		\$317.31

*Services of Town Officers.*

Paid S. S. Committee, year ending March, 1862:		
S. C. Pattee,	\$20.00	
B. W. Couch,	20.00	
Samuel Davis, Jr.,	24.37	
		\$64.37
Paid Selectmen of Warner, for year ending March, 1863:		
Samuel W. Colby,	\$75.00	
John P. Colby,	50.00	
H. B. Harriman,	50.00	
		\$175.00
Paid Samuel W. Colby, treasurer,	\$20.00	
Gilman A. Bean, town-clerk,	28.00	
Charles P. Rowell, collector,	30.28	
		\$78.28

*State Aid.*

Paid Nellie L. Hackett,	\$20.00
Merriam French,	4.00
Livonia Childs,	10.00



Paid Rosan Hardy,	15.00
Abby Webster,	17.00
Mary E. Breed,	22.00
Caroline Bartlett,	14.00
Laura A. Collins,	26.00
M. J. Cheney,	36.00
Jane M. Flanders,	10.00
Isaac Hunt,	17.00
Rhoda Flanders,	40.00
Ruth Rogers,	44.00
Helen S. Savory,	32.00
Adeline A. Hunt,	25.00
Margaret Donnelly,	44.00
Nancy Watkins,	60.00
Rosella Scobey,	60.00
Lucy A. Colby,	21.00
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	\$517.00

*Soldiers' Boanty.*

Paid \$150 each to 46 three years' men,	\$6,900.00
\$200 each to 31 nine months' men,	6,200.00
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	\$13,100.00

*Town Notes paid.*

Paid C. C. Harriman, note and interest,	\$222.20
George W. Wiggin, " "	83.53
Henry Johnson, " "	229.41
Charles Davis, " "	219.33
Charles Davis, " "	109.58
James M. Harriman, " "	164.50
Timothy Davis, " "	245.98
William Clough, " "	384.39
E. M. Dunbar, " "	106.00
Samuel Page, two notes and interest,	407.08
Walter Harriman, note in part,	75.00
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	\$2,247.00

*Military.*

Paid for two extra enrollments and revising roll,	\$35.00
H. B. Harriman, journey and expense to Concord, 2 days,	4.50
S. W. Colby, for two journeys and expense to Concord, 3 days,	8.00
John P. Colby, for two journeys and expense to Concord, 3 days,	7.00
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	\$54.50

*Miscellaneous.*

Paid N. H. Asylum for the support of M. W. Flanders,	181.77
H. B. Harriman, for assisting transient paupers,	2.00
J. P. Colby, two journeys and expense to Brad- ford,	2.75
For wood for town house,	2.13
G. Parker Lyon, for invoice record book,	6.00
Morrill & Silsby, for invoice and collector's books, check-lists, &c.,	2.21

Paid For postage and stationery,	4.50
Zenas A. Bartlett, for guide-board,	1.25
Town clerk of Boscawen, for certificate,	.20
Town clerk of Northfield, for certificate,	.50
Nonresident highway receipts,	46.90
Edward Wyman, for service in pauper case,	.50
Minot & Mugridge, for service in 1859,	3.00
Campbell & Harriman, printing reports,	16.25
P. B. Cogswell, for printing reports in 1860,	8.00
Joshua Sawyer, damage on highway,	4.00
George S. Rowell, board,	6.50
Henry Stetson, funeral service,	2.00
Wilkins & Rogers, settling with selectmen,	3.00
Dorothy Flanders, property of Philip Flanders,	12.60
N. G. Ordway, nonresident highway tax,	2.33
J. C. Hardy, interest on note,	.25
For insurance of poor house,	3.34
For shingling town house,	38.88
S. Bartlett, for taking affidavits,	1.00
S. W. Colby, for journey to Concord and service last year,	5.25
Thomas Chase, salary as liquor agent,	60.00
S. W. Colby, two journeys to Concord, county pauper accounts,	5.50
Newell Carr, agent on poor farm,	2.00
John Tewksbury, keeping watering trough,	2.00
C. F. Kimball, " " "	2.00
W. W. Davis, " " "	2.00
Sylvester G. Hoyt, tax abated, overtaxed,	1.60
R. B. Whittier, " "	2.44
S. W. Colby, journey and expenses to Boscawen, pauper case,	2.00
S. W. Colby, three journeys and expenses to Bradford, pauper case,	6.85
S. W. Colby, three journeys and expenses to Webster, pauper account,	4.50
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	\$396.00

*Abatements and cash on hand.*

Abated to H. H. Harriman, 1859,	\$3.66
" " 1860,	17.22
" " 1861,	60.58
" C. P. Rowell, 1862,	13.34
Cash in hands of treasurer,	1,184.96
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	\$1,279.76

Amounting in all to the sum of \$21,601.04  
Which balances the account.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL W. COLBY, } Selectmen  
JOHN P. COLBY, } of  
H. B. HARRIMAN, } Warner.

The subscriber, chosen to settle with the selectmen for 1862, having attended to that duty, finds their account correctly cast and duly vouched.

NATHANIEL A. DAVIS, *Committee.*

WARNER, Feb. 28, 1863.



## STANDING OF THE TOWN.

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Estimated due from the State, State aid,	517.00
Interest due on town notes,	156.24
Liquor in hands of agent,	28.72
Cash in hands of treasurer,	1,184.96

Amount due the town,

\$1,186.92

The town owes as follows :

1859.			
March	9.	H. F. Harriman,	90.00
1860.			
April	14.	L. H. Wiggin,	55.00
May	5.	Walter Harriman,	200.00
"	12.	Phebe Flanders,	100.00
"	12.	Josiah C. Hardy,	300.00
"	26.	S. C. Pattee,	204.84
July	7.	M. J. Harriman,	214.12
1862.			
March	29.	Samuel Page,	230.00
		Hannah Dowlin,	220.00
		Louisa H. Wiggin,	25.00
Jan.	11.	Marshall Dunbar,	400.00
		Noah T. Andrews,	100.00
Sept.	16.	Samuel Dow,	2,500.00
"	16.	John Osgood,	530.00
"	16.	Phebe Flanders,	200.00
"	16.	Charles Davis,	100.00
"	16.	Henry Johnson,	225.00
"	16.	Josiah C. Hardy,	250.00
"	16.	Mary C. Morrill,	110.00
"	16.	Noah T. Andrews,	300.00
"	16.	Plumer B. Paige,	240.00
"	16.	George F. Edmunds,	150.00
"	16.	James M. Osgood,	150.00
"	16.	Charles E. Hardy,	150.00
"	16.	Frank P. Ager,	200.00
"	16.	Plumer E. Carter,	150.00
"	16.	David S. Burbank,	150.00
"	16.	Imri Osgood,	150.00
"	16.	George H. Colby,	150.00
"	16.	Nathaniel Bean,	250.00
"	16.	Samuel Sargent,	150.00
"	16.	Daniel G. Runels,	100.00
"	16.	Marshall Dunbar,	27.00

Sept.	16.	Arthur Thompson,	150.00
"	16.	Henry L. French,	230.00
"	16.	Harriet C. Currier,	100.00
Oct.	30.	Daniel Cheney,	300.00
"	30.	Isaac H. Savory,	250.00
"	30.	Samuel Page,	80.00
"	30.	Henry L. Johnson,	200.00
"	30.	Benjamin F. Heath,	300.00
"	30.	Mary Heath,	280.00
"	30.	Ann W. Heath,	40.00
"	30.	Lydia H. Bartlett,	350.00
"	30.	Stephen Bartlett,	500.00
"	30.	Jemima S. Bailey,	30.00
"	30.	Jemima S. Bailey,	130.00
"	30.	Nathan Foster,	32.00
"	30.	Jacob Chase,	300.00
"	30.	Ephraim Morrill,	100.00
"	30.	Mary C. Morrill,	150.00
"	30.	Philip Colby, Jr.,	200.00
"	30.	Philip Colby, 3d,	200.00
"	30.	Nathan Melvin,	300.00
"	30.	John H. Brown,	100.00
"	30.	John Pearson,	190.00
"	30.	Gilman M. Blake,	100.00
"	30.	John M. Johnson,	200.00
"	30.	Justus C. Harriman,	200.00
"	30.	Joseph Hardy,	1000.00
"	30.	Blanchard A. Hardy,	200.00
"	30.	Jesse Hardy,	600.00
Dec.	12.	Eliza P. Currier,	100.00
Interest due on above notes,			425.00
Trust funds held by the town,			598.22
Parsonage interest due several societies,			75.68

Amounting in all to	\$16,381.86
Deduct amount due the town,	1,886.92
Whole indebtedness of the town,	\$14,494.94
Deduct the amount of soldiers' bounties,	13,100.00
Leaves the ordinary debt of the town,	\$1,394.94
Which is \$522.76 less than last year's debt.	

*Trust Funds and Literary Money.*

Public land fund, loaned in full,	\$69.00
Parsonage fund, amount loaned,	\$16.00
Parsonage fund, amount held by town,	355.00
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	\$371.00
School fund, amount loaned,	513.00
School fund, amount held by town,	100.00
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	\$613.00
Literary money, amount loaned,	212.00
Literary money, amount held by town,	143.22
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	\$355.22

From the literary money \$392.82 has been distributed to the several school districts and \$134.46 has been received from the State.



*Poor Farm Report—Invoice.*

113 bush. potatoes,	\$45.00	
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ bbl. pork,	32.00	
179 lbs. ham,	14.00	
1 bbl. cider,	2.00	
4 gals. vinegar,	.67	
6 gals. boiled cider,	2.00	
3 gals. molasses,	1.44	
250 lbs. cheese,	25.00	
20 lbs. candles,	2.50	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tobacco,	1.27	
90 lbs. lard,	10.00	
50 lbs. butter,	10.00	
26 lbs. tallow,	3.00	
17 $\frac{5}{8}$ lbs. cod fish,	.89	
5 lbs. coffee,	1.75	
6 lbs. sugar,	.78	
1 lb. tea,	1.00	
37 bush. corn,	37.00	
6 bush. wheat,	10.00	
2 bush. beans,	5.00	
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. oats,	1.75	
$\frac{1}{4}$ bush. peas,	.25	
30 lbs. dried apples,	1.50	
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. rolls,	4.00	
1 axe,	1.25	
4 pairs feeding,	1.33	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ bbl. beef,	15.00	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. soap,	4.50	
2 shotcs,	30.00	
30 cords wood,	90.00	
1 pair of oxen,	110.00	
6 cows,	140.00	
3 heifers,	30.00	
15 tons hay,	150.00	
11 sheep,	40.00	
Lumber and hay rack,	10.00	
Amounting in all to		\$834.88
Received from county for support of paupers,	\$843.73	
Produce sold from the farm,	196.69	
		<u>\$1,040.42</u>
Total amount credited to the farm,		\$1,875.30
Stock and provisions last year,	\$756.95	
Bills paid,	317.31	
Agent's salary,	200.00	
		<u>\$1,274.26</u>
Balance in favor of the town,		\$601.04

The income the present year exceeds the expenses of the farm, including the agent's salary, \$523.11.

Number of paupers on the farm, 17; average for the year, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL W. COLBY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN P. COLBY,	
H. B. HARRIMAN,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Warner.</i>

Warner, Feb. 28, 1863.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WARNER: With brevity and comprehensiveness your committee has also studied discrimination and just judgment of the various schools. The town may congratulate itself on the good fortune of having been favored with the services of so good a corps of teachers; a matter which may be regarded as a little remarkable, considering the large number that has been employed. No school has been discontinued by the failure of any teacher; indeed, no case of serious difficulty has the past year occurred in any school. Some change has been effected for the better, it is hoped, in the matter of text-books, which in many instances, were found too numerous and various, thus crippling the energies of the teacher, and retarding the progress of the school. There is yet room for greater improvement in this respect; and well would it be for each district to furnish its school with one set of text-books on each branch studied. Perhaps there is no better Arithmetic than Greenleaf's. Let his series be introduced into every school to the exclusion of all others, and thus reduce the classes, and save the teacher's time for better purposes than to be hearing a half dozen classes all of the same rank, which may just as well be thrown into one or two. Brown's Grammar being already introduced in town, might well supersede all others. Let there be such uniformity in respect to all text-books in the schools, and much would be gained by it. There is, also, ample opportunity for school-house improvement, many of which but little excel the barns in their neighborhood in looks, pleasantness, and convenience. When will suitable attention be given to this very important subject?

One word here respecting prudential committees. Let the best men be chosen for the purpose,—men who will feel the responsibility of the relation; let them feel that as much devolves on them as on the superintending committee in the selection of teachers. Each should learn the character and ability of the teacher sought, or applying, before he is engaged. Great care should be taken to not put young and inexperienced teachers where their success is doubtful, thus experimenting with them, at the peril of their future usefulness, and of breaking down a good school. One term of unskillful management in a school may sink it to a point from which it may never be fully redeemed. I would therefore bespeak great caution in the selection of teachers, as the next school year opens. Your committee has endeavored to visit the schools the requisite number of times, but has sometimes failed to do so on account of storms, or the closing of two or three schools at the same time without due notice. The following statistics have been gathered:

DISTRICT No. 1. This school, during the two terms has made very fair progress, and averages well with the schools in general in town. It has been favored with competent teachers—Miss Helenette Colby, a lady of fine talents, and well qualified to teach, and Miss Junia S. Bartlett, who, in teaching has earned for herself a good reputation. Length of school first term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 26; average, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Winter term not reported.

DISTRICT No. 2. First term taught by Miss Junia S. Bartlett. As might have been expected, under her instruction every branch was thoroughly pursued and well represented. Register not returned. Winter school taught by Mr. Alamando Davis, a young teacher, but evincing very good talent and tact for teaching, which, carefully improved, will not



fail to make him a desirable teacher. There are some very good scholars in this district, and there are signs of improvement under their last teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; number, 25; average attendance, 20.

DISTRICT No. 3. This is evidently one of the best schools in town, judging as one is able to, by only occasional brief visits; the scholars are disposed to study, and apply themselves not without success. To an inclination and ability to learn, has been added, the past year, the favor of excellent teachers—Mrs. Hattie P. Flanders, a thorough and energetic teacher, and Mr. Stephen Pattee, a gentleman of whom it is sufficient here to say, that he is regarded as a first class teacher. A severe storm prevented the intended visit at the close of his school, yet it is known otherwise that it was pleasant, and no doubt highly profitable. Length of first term,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  weeks; number of scholars, 29; average attendance,  $25\frac{1}{2}$ . Winter term not yet reported.

DISTRICT No. 4. Both terms taught by Miss Emma J. Ella, who is well known as a very successful teacher. The school can not be better represented than by quoting from her own remarks: "This school, when the Summer term commenced was very disorderly and not inclined to study. By patient effort quite an improvement was made in these faults. The closing examination was attended by a respectable number of the parents, who were pleased to express flattering opinions of the progress of the pupils in the various branches pursued. The progress in spelling, arithmetic, and geography, were better the Winter term than in the term previous. Thoroughness was aimed at in all things."

The two last visits of the committee corroborate the above statements. First term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 27; average attendance,  $23\frac{1}{2}$ . Second term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 27.

DISTRICT No. 5. One term, taught by Miss Mary E. Bean. The school appeared well when visited; good order and a disposition to learn were evident; and here are some excellent scholars. Miss Bean is an experienced and well qualified teacher, and as such has left her mark upon the school. Length of term, 14 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average attendance,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ .

DISTRICT No. 6. General aspects of this school better by far than reported last year. With some exceptions the scholars seemed studious and well disposed. Much has doubtless been done this year to raise this school from any depression it may have previously suffered. First term, taught by Miss Mary E. Bean—a very good choice for the condition of the school. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 24; average attendance,  $20\frac{1}{2}$ . Second term, Mr. Walter Sargent, who showed himself to be worthy and master of his business, evidently winning success, and, so far as ascertained, the entire satisfaction of the district. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 28; average attendance,  $23\frac{3}{4}$ .

DISTRICT No. 7. This school is in session but one term in the year. It was taught this year by Miss Seba H. Stanley, who manifested an interest in her work, and very good skill in teaching. But the school is too small to be interesting, and the scholars not sufficiently advanced in years and studies to feel a real interest in the object of their school. The improvement was as good as could be expected. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6.

DISTRICT No. 8. First term, Miss N. Jennie Morrill. This was her first school and a successful effort. Good order was observed, and manifest improvement in the scholars, and general satisfaction given to the district. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 20; average attendance,  $17\frac{3}{10}$ .

Second term, Mr. Henry C. Fisher, teacher—a young man wholly inex-

perienced in teaching, this being his first term. A few at length found reason to complain; but statements conflicted, and the larger part of the district expressed more favorable opinions of him. The two visits made discovered nothing of an objectionable character; and, while there were probably faults, it is possible that they were too much magnified. It can not be expected, reasonably, that a teacher for \$10 per month will do the work of one for \$25 a month. If such an expectation is cherished, it will surely be cut off. The scholars evidently improved, and Mr. Fisher, with due regard to study, self-respect, and dignity of manner, may make himself a desirable teacher. Length of term,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  weeks; number of scholars, 27; average attendance, 20.

DISTRICT No. 9. This school was greatly improved under the excellent government and instructions of Miss Achsa L. Cheney, who is one of the best teachers. The scholars were brought to order and to the habit of studiousness, and the various branches were well represented at the close of the school. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 20.

Second term, Mr. George W. Dowlin, teacher. With a firm and steady hand he kept the school completely governed, which end secured, he was fully prepared, with characteristic ability, to apply himself successfully to the instruction of his pupils. Mr. Dowlin has the reputation of a good teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 19.

DISTRICT No. 10. One term the past year, Miss Fidelia Foss, teacher. The latter part of the school was considerably interrupted by sickness, and the more advanced scholars had been removed at the time of the last visit. Its real improvement could not, therefore, be as easily judged. The teacher appeared to understand well her business, and all was quiet and orderly. Length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance,  $8\frac{1}{4}$ .

DISTRICT No. 11. Summer term, Miss Annette Andrews, teacher. This was her first effort at teaching, but it is ascertained that general satisfaction prevailed respecting her. The scholars were both young and few in number, but manifestly improved. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance,  $8\frac{1}{4}$ .

Winter term, Miss Susan E. Eaton, teacher. She is an experienced, competent, and very desirable teacher. All the branches were faithfully and thoroughly attended to, and, as was expected, her term was a complete success. Length of school, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 13.

DISTRICT No. 12. Though small, this is second to no school in town in vigor and progress. Every one seems to know what he goes to school for, and is disposed to learn. About all the common branches are studied here, and were commendably represented.

The Summer school was kept by Miss Martha J. Dunbar, who evinced ability to teach, and a disposition to perform the work assigned her. She is valued as a good teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 9.

Second term, Miss Ann W. Heath, teacher. She is one of those fortunate ones who has the art of winning the affections of her pupils and governing by love,—a faculty much to be desired and cultivated by every teacher. She did a good work for the school. The scholars are worthy of a better house. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 11.

DISTRICT No. 13. First term taught, higher department, by Miss Clara A. Couch, under whose effective tuition the school was kept in its place and pleasantly and prosperously passed its time. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 29; average attendance, 25.

Winter term, Mr. Warren Abbott, teacher. This has formerly been a



hard term, and the lineaments of its former character have not all yet passed away. There is still much to try a teacher,—and with no knowledge of this fact in detail, he would very soon be likely to stumble, finding that the method requisite to govern many schools is not that by which to govern this. This difficulty Mr. Abbott was brought to feel. And he thinks that, with his present knowledge, were he to commence the school again he could mold it more to his own satisfaction. The scholars have made commendable proficiency, and the school stands very well in scholarship. I believe Mr. Abbott to be an efficient teacher. Length of term, 10½ weeks; number of scholars, 37; average attendance, 83.

Primary department, first term, Miss Caroline P. Watson, teacher. She has large experience and good teaching talents, and is at home in the school-room. The term passed pleasantly, and it is believed prosperously. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 39; average attendance, 81<sup>37</sup>/<sub>55</sub>.

Winter school taught by Miss Henrietta Porter. There was evidently mutual love between teacher and scholars and much familiarity. Possibly her feelings of indulgence so much swayed as to create some difficulty for herself in the *easy* government of the school. Possibly some might have judged in that light. But scholars and teacher manifestly retained the same interest till the last, and good improvement was made in studies. Length of term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 35.

DISTRICT No. 15. Miss Carrie M. Phelps, teacher, both terms. Application for her services the second term spoke well for the first, and the expression of the district, and the closing visit testify well for the second term. Order and progress were evidently secured, and application and experience may make her a good teacher. First term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 10. Winter term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 18.

DISTRICT No. 16. Both terms taught by Miss Eliza J. Clough. This ranks with any school in town considering the number and age of the scholars. Every thing goes vigorously here. Scholars master their studies with a will and success worthy of older heads. And the teacher, too, seemed well adapted to her place, manifesting energy and efficiency which were calculated to keep up and augment the interest of the school. She is a good teacher. First term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 10½. Second term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20<sup>11</sup>/<sub>13</sub>.

DISTRICT No. 17. This school, first term, prospered under the supervision of Miss Martha M. Patterson, who has had much experience in teaching, and who has the faculty of communicating what she knows, to the benefit of the scholar. She teaches elaborately and thoroughly, and the school appeared well at first, and at the close there was no observable diminution of interest. The various branches were well matured so far as they were pursued. Length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 23.

Winter school, Mr. Orestes I. Bean, teacher,—a young man of good abilities. At one stage of the school the aspect seemed a little fearful from the irregularity of some large boys, who, however, were very soon dissuaded from their disastrous intentions by the interference of parents, and who, it is hoped, already are convinced of the folly of any misdemeanor in school. In this case the parents took sides with the teacher and thus stopped a difficulty which otherwise might have broken up a good school. Should not all parents let their children understand that their authority extends even to the school-room, and that they can not violate the rules of school with impunity? In the main the school was pleasant and no doubt profitable. Register not returned.

DISTRICT No. 18. This is a good, forcible little school, according to the

age of the scholars,—taught both terms by Miss Ann L. Presby. The better evidence of her success is in the fact of her being desired to teach the same school the second term. This was her first school and it appeared very well. Bad weather prevented the closing visit of the second term,—its improvement, therefore, can not be so accurately judged. Length of first term, 17 weeks; number of scholars, 9. Winter term, not reported.

DISTRICT No. 19. A good school, well taught. First term by Miss Addie R. Dodge. Considering the age and inexperience of the teacher, the impression was very favorable respecting her. With care and practice she may make an excellent teacher. The school advanced well. Register not returned.

Winter term, Mr. Frank A. Gordon, teacher. It received but one visit, and it was gratifying to see a school of some twenty earnest scholars, with a strong teacher at the head competent to do all for them that they needed to have done. Every thing at that time warranted a prosperous school, and no other than favorable reports have since been received of it. Register not returned.

DISTRICT No. 20. Though small and young this school is vigorous and prosperous. The scholars take hold of their studies with an ability that might only reasonably be expected of much older minds. They show signs of vigorous training, and reflect much credit upon the teacher, Miss Sarah J. Nichols, who has had the supervision of this school several terms. She is one of the best teachers. Length of first term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12. Second term, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10½.

DISTRICT No. 21. One term the past year, Miss Martha M. Patterson. This school received but one visit when all appeared well excepting too many text books, which objection, it is hoped, will, as soon as convenient, be removed by the district. Order was good, and progress in the various studies as fair as could be expected. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12½.

DISTRICT No. 22. Miss Lizzie A. Cressy, teacher both terms. Scholars young,—only lower branches studied,—improvement as good as might be expected. Good order was kept, and a disposition in the teacher appeared to interest and advance the scholars. Miss Cressy is young in her work, but evidently growing by experience in fitness for teaching. Length of first term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 8. Second term, 7; number of scholars, 12.

DISTRICT No. 23. This district alternates with No. 7, the two uniting and having a school one term in one district, and the next term in the other. This is the better school of the two, having more scholars, and being farther advanced. It was taught by Miss Seba H. Stanley, who seemed to interest herself in all that should interest her pupils. There were signs of improvement. The school-house is not worth much, and it seems very desirable, if it can be effected, to abandon it altogether for the other, which is a much better house. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 6½.

DISTRICT No. 24. This appears to be a flourishing little school of young scholars, taught both terms by Miss Sarah A. Sargent. The various branches studied were faithfully and thoroughly taught, and there were clear marks of progress at the close of her last school. It is gratifying to be able to state that Miss Sargent not only gained the affections of her scholars, but the favorable opinion of all in the district. Length of first term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9½. Length of second term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9½.

Respectfully submitted,

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